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World Community Day Is Observed Here

By GRACE MORRIS
(Chairman for Eugene Observance)
World Community Day, which is to be observed throughout the country next Friday, was conceived by the United Council of Church Women as a means toward promoting peace.

The women of the 16 cooperating churches in the Eugene Council of Church Women see this World Community Day as one for the entire public, not just for church women.
As a concrete expression of this "world community spirit," individuals are asked to bring packages of clothing for displaced persons in camps in Europe, and in refugee camps in Asia, to the Community Day Service at the Congregational Church. The United Council of Church Women will be responsible for the distribution of such gifts.
It may be that your towel or last year's sweater will help to foster that peace which we all so eager to maintain.

When the Council announced its theme for this year "Peace is My Responsibility" it was inevitable that many asked, "But what can I do?" Most of work in comparative obscurity; but obscurity does not mean isolation.

World Community Day is a good thing for Eugene. We need more occasions to bring us together, to get the members of various churches to work and plan together.

Such days are useful if they help us realize that the whole world is part of our country, and that suffering and need anywhere is our concern.

Let us hope that the dedication of hundreds of thousands throughout the land, Nov. 5, will have some effect toward establishing better relations throughout the world.

God Works Through Men

Most sensitive men believe that God works through human beings, that without us, without our cooperation, our sincere efforts, His Kingdom cannot come among men.

This does not mean that God Himself does not intervene, or take an active part Himself, but He does seem to wait for men to find out His secrets and apply them.

Electricity was in the world from the beginning but not until men discovered it and its uses and its laws could it be used. The laws that govern radio and radar were here but men had to find them.

Back of every significant event in the world's history we find a person. Given a great movement for the up-lift of men, for example, the movement against slavery, there you will find a person in whose heart God has put a dream and vision of what might be. An Abraham is the founder of the Hebrew race, a Moses their liberator and lawgiver, a Jeremiah their prophet in whose heart the religion of God as we know it was preserved—one man to keep alive such a tremendously great thing.

If then we believe that God works through men in this world, we must ask ourselves the question "What does God want me to do?" Jesus certainly made it clear that God expects something from each of us, that He has a place in mind for us, and that He has work for us to do.

—The Malaysia Message, June.

'The Gospel Hasn't Done Much Good'

By H. HUTCHINS WARD
One day a widely known soap manufacturer was walking along the street with a minister of the gospel. The man said to the preacher, "The gospel you preach hasn't done much good, has it, for there's yet a lot of wickedness and wicked people all about us." The preacher was struck with the statement but made no immediate reply.

The two men finally came upon a very dirty little child playing in the gutter. The wide-awake preacher said to the soap manufacturer, "Soap hasn't done much good in the world, has it, for there's still so much dirt and so many dirty people."

"Ah, but you must remember," answered the manufacturer, "soap is effective only when it is applied."

"You're right," replied the minister. "So it is with the gospel I've been proclaiming these many years."

—The Gospel Trumpet, October.

Deliverance or Instruction?

An authoritative document, expressing what is no doubt an important aspect of Christian truth, states that the need of man for "deliverance is more real than his need for instruction." But the deliverance experienced by the growing persons whom I have known, has come not by overwhelming emotion, but by a deepening and revitalizing of Christian faith as they explore its meaning in relation to the issues of their lives.

They were thus led into new experiences, developed more Christian attitudes, and found the "full assurance of faith" by a courageous following of One who, for them, was at the same time, the Master Teacher and the Lord of Life.

Wilfred E. Powell, professor of Religious Education at Phillips University.

Methodist Bishop

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, new Methodist Bishop in the Northwest, in his first Sunday morning address in Portland (Oregon Journal and also Oregonian, Oct. 18), called upon Methodists of Oregon to defeat the liquor by the drink proposal. He said:

"If you are perplexed as to whether the sale of liquor-by-the-drink has any harmful effects on a community, all you have to do is to visit two towns—one where they don't sell liquor-by-the-drink, and one where they do. . . . The sale of liquor-by-the-drink so lowers the moral life of the city that you don't need any more evidence."

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge one for yourself.

—Froude

A small group of wise thinkers is better than a wilderness of dullards and stronger than the might of empire.—Mary Baker Eddy.

At Grove Churches

COTTAGE GROVE—"Making a Success of Sin," is Rev. Frank Brown's sermon topic for Sunday's 11 a.m. service at the Methodist Church. Rev. Brown says he will point out that the average person has little concept of "the little sins of everyday living."

The senior choir is to sing at the morning service, under direction of Mrs. Roy Pollard, presented the anthem, "Be Merciful Unto Us," by Herman Von Berge. At 6 p.m., youth fellowship meets in the church, and after a business

session will go to Jerry Kenneth home for a Halloween party.

COTTAGE GROVE—Rev. D. Hugh Peniston will resume his pulpit Sunday after an illness. His morning topic is "The Social Nature of Christianity."

Presbyterian young people meet in the church at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.

COTTAGE GROVE—At Out Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, masses will be at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., conducted by Father Paul Zeller. Sisters of St. Mary's School in Eugene have started a schedule of religious instruction

A Scientist Looks At Our Churches

WARREN D. SMITH
Professor (retired) of Geology
University of Oregon

Some years ago an elderly ranch woman of Harney County asked me where I was from. On being told I came from the Willamette Valley she said: "I was over there about 17 years ago—funny people over there. What's the matter with those people—too many churches?"

Now, she wasn't quite fair; she didn't know enough about my neighbors, but she did put her finger on one weakness not only here but everywhere, that is the great division among Christians, where, that is the great division among churches.

We may appear to have too many churches in Eugene and we may seem to be hopelessly split, but I believe that in the essentials we are united and only in the unessentials do we differ.

First, let me say that I go to church pretty regularly because I get something from this experience I cannot get anywhere else. Second, I respect the other fellow's church going though I may not care for his particular creed. Third, I don't believe that any one church or sect has a first mortgage on Heaven. Fourth, the impression is given in some churches that all inspiration and revelation is contained in the Bible, but I believe that each age produces its spiritual persons and new revelations. The Bible is a great book, but we also have the "book or books" which tell us as much of how the Creator works.

Some students have told me plainly why they don't go to church. One said: "I don't like to hear some preacher talk about some of the scientific discoveries when he doesn't know what he is talking about." All I can say about this is that in this scientific age a preacher, if he does see fit to discuss evolution, ought to have at least one year of biology—otherwise leave the subject alone.

I am not going to indulge in any invidious comparisons of the various churches in Eugene. Some I like, others I don't particularly admire, but they must suit their congregations. I shall merely tell you the kind of church I like to attend.

This church does not have to be large, but I want it to be architecturally in good taste. I like good music. I don't care whether it is some of the great Protestant hymns or some of the soul lifting Catholic chants or the Jewish cantos, I get an uplift that helps me immensely.

Now as for the preaching. I don't like rabble-rousing. I ask that my preacher interpret the problems of the modern world in the light of Christ's teachings in dignified, sympathetic language, and with some knowledge of what the scientist is doing.

As I see it the great job of the church today in Eugene and everywhere is to combat the pessimistic philosophy voiced in a recent article in the Atlantic, "Man Against Darkness."

Today many men have lost all faith, see no purpose in life. Science has not yet been able to produce any evidence for or against life after death and it is unscientific to argue against this belief.

One of the things—the most important thing, my opinion—for the churches to do is to combat this idea that the Universe is just blind force and therefore man should lose all sense of morality and purpose.

To what extent our Eugene churches are opposing this pessimistic philosophy I don't know except in the case of my own church, and there I find considerable comfort, otherwise I would not longer continue to go there.

No Room for Bitterness

On the West Coast there are many Christians who feel justified in their bitterness toward the Japanese. They should read the following, and feel rebuked:

"The Dutch are a stubborn people, and they do not easily forget wrongs done them. Since the war they have made no secret of their continuing resentment against Germany for its unprovoked attack of 1940, for the bombing of Rotterdam and other cities, for the treachery with which Hitler's troops fought and won the brief battle for Holland, for German subversion of many Dutch people and for the long and bitter tyranny of occupation."

Accordingly, many of the German delegates to the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council approached the border with some apprehension.

They need not have worried. A large number of them were billeted in Dutch homes, and they were treated as honored guests. When they left most were loaded with gifts of food, clothing and books to take back to Germany.

Dr. Martin Niemöller addressed a large meeting of young people of the Dutch Reformed Church. He spoke in German, which has been taboo in Holland since the occupation. He was the first to attempt to use the language in a public address since the war, and the first German to speak in a public meeting.

When the 10,000 present rose to their feet in prolonged applause as he walked on the stage, both Germans and Dutch realized as no other people who have not stood in their circumstances can possibly do, that forgiveness is a Christian principle of great power.

One Amsterdam delegate was billeted in the home of a Dutch family which came very close to starvation during the final months of the occupation. It is now entertaining three children of a destitute German family. The German children were brought from the Ruhr to enjoy for a little while the comparatively abundant food of Holland.

Not the least important result of Amsterdam was its achievement of reconciliation between churchmen of countries which only yesterday were enemies."

—The Christian Century, Oct. 20

Soviet Allows Religious 'Freedom'

(Editor's Note: A minister from Lithuania, the Rev. Sergei Moisejko, explains how the Soviet closes churches even while declaring that freedom of religion is allowed.)

"There was no interference with church work at first, but soon we had to pay rent to the government for the use of our own churches and parsonages. More than that, the government said that we raised money in our churches; we were conducting business and had to pay taxes. In spite of the generous offerings of our people, they were not able to raise the needed money. This led the government to close the churches."

A favor which expects a favor in return has no joy in it.

A true Christian is more concerned about the welfare of others than he is of his own.

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts, therefore guard accordingly; and take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable nature.

—Marcus Antonius

Come election day it is strange what some Christians will vote for.

The City of New York is embarrassed because the world capital of the United Nations is surrounded by slums. We say, let the slums stay. It will do the great men good to have a daily look at humble poverty.

for children of the parish, following the 10 a.m. masses.

COTTAGE GROVE—Rev. Frank Mathews of the Baptist Church has chosen, "Faith in God Wins," for his 11 a.m. topic. At 7:30 p.m. the topic will be "Tell It To God."

Unity Church

Rev. Cleoda Dawson speaks Sunday morning, topic "God is Love." Musical program includes "Andante" by Coerne and "Idylle" (Gurilt) Mrs. Paul Lehman and vocal solo "Love Never Fails" Donald Johnson. Instruction class Tuesday, 2 p.m.



PRAYER AND GOOD WORKS—Mary and Martha—is the watchword of the practical churchwomen of Eugene who are backing up their hopes for world peace in World Community Day services, with this program of packing a towel with gifts for a teenage girl abroad. Left to right, Patricia Ann Skene, 12, president of Girl Scout Troop No. 902; Carolyn Clow, 11, Bonnie Brunken, 11, and Mrs. Henry Burch, president of the Council of Eugene Churchwomen. (Register-Guard Staff photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

Pack-A-Towel For Overseas Peace Effort

The Eugene Council of Church Women "take over" the spotlight on religious affairs here next week, Nov. 5, with a big union service at the Congregational Church on World Community Day. Theme, "Is Peace My Responsibility?" Mrs. Victor P. Morris is general chairman; Mrs. Henry Burch is president of the Council.

Four speakers will keynote the evening: Rev. Paul Melish representing the church; Wm. M. Tugman, managing editor of the Register-Guard, represents the press; Miss Mary Magers represents the teachers; and Kenneth Neal, University of Oregon student, represents the students.

Many ministers are taking the opportunity to describe and endorse the women's peace effort at their sermons this Sunday morning.

Offering from the union service goes to speed bundles overseas, and furnish vitamins and medical supplies. Others who wish may contribute direct, sending their offerings to United Council of Church Women, 155 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

Friends can also help the program by participating in the "Pack-A-Towel" plan, bringing their packed towels to the service. Here's how to do it:

Start with a pretty bath towel 22 inches wide. On one end of the towel fold new or good-as-new garments—as complete an outfit as you can.

Include: Bedroom slippers (do not put hard-soled shoes in the towel). New material, for dresses (or yarn), sewing kit.

Soap, comb, tooth brush, hair pins, hankies, socks, stockings, neckties, scarfs packed into a pocketbook, pouch or washcloth. (nothing breakable or spillable), writing materials.

Include a friendly note with sender's name and address.

Flap the other end of the towel over the pile and pin edges together with a dozen assorted safety pins.

Pin firmly to it a piece of cloth with large crayon letters B (Boy) or G (Girl) and size.

Emmaus Lutheran

In the absence of Pastor H. A. Svendsen, who is attending the Pacific District Convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church at San Francisco, Hans C. Nielsen will conduct the service at 11 a. m. His topic: "Free or Bond." A Mission offering will be taken and a potluck lunch will be served at noon in the church parlor. Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:45 a. m.

Baseball pitchers wear electrically heated jackets to keep their arms in condition

Hart Larsen Attends Salvation Army Meet

Hart Larsen will represent the Eugene Advisory committee at the Salvation Army's second annual Divisional Advisory Board conference at Portland, on Saturday, Oct. 30.

A complete report on Salvation Army participation in the Vanport flood disaster will be given. In addition to further strengthening of the disaster committee throughout the state, the conference will take up matters pertinent to Salvation Army social and welfare work.

First Christian

"A Time for Greatness" is the message of Rev. Hugh N. McCallum of the First Christian Church at the 11 a. m. service. The junior choir, with the adult choir, will sing the anthem "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by Parry. At 7:30 p. m. Rev. McCallum speaks on "Playing the Game."

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Nursery service is maintained during both morning services. Junior Church is held in the Junior Department rooms from 11 until noon.

Junior High group meets at 5 p. m. for a social and recreation period and Christian Endeavor. Bring a sack lunch. Junior Crumroy will be the leader. High School Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m. in the annex, and the Town and Campus group at 8 p. m. in the White Room. University Fellowship at the campus YMCA lounge will have a social meeting from 8-8 p. m. Earl Maxfield will be master of ceremonies.

Fellowship dinner (potluck) Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. in the church dining room. Special guests for the evening will be Battle Mitchell, Goldie Wells, and Mr. and Mrs. David Byrlee, all returned missionaries from the African field.

United Lutheran

The congregation of United Lutheran Church worships at the Music Hall Chapel of Northwest Christian College, East Eleventh and Kincaid. Church school, 9:45 a. m.

In observance of Reformation Day, Rev. J. L. Sawyer, pastor, will speak on "The Faith We Live."

The Luther League will hold a special meeting at the John Gragg residence, 1065 E. 22nd, at 3 p. m.

The Women's Council meets Tuesday, 1:30 p. m., at the Leonard Nyström residence, 2091 Millican. This is the annual meeting at which new officers will be elected.

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Juvenile Officer Is Speaker at Congregational

"Juvenile Delinquency" will be the topic of Louis Sherman when he speaks Sunday at the Plymouth Club of the Congregational Church.

Sherman is Chief Probation Officer of the Juvenile Department of Lane County Circuit Court. Plymouth Club invites all university students and town young people of college age to come at 5 p. m. for a snack supper and to hear him at 6.

The High School Youth Church meets at 6 p. m. in the church dining room for a potluck supper, after which Ancy Vincent will preside at a quarterly business meeting.

At the regular morning worship services at 9:30 and 11 a. m., the choir, under the direction of Miss Mary Grubbs, will sing "Cherubim Song" by Tchaikovsky. Treva Rice, soprano, will sing "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" by McDermid. Rev. Nicholson will preach at both services.

Sunday school for the nursery through the Junior High will meet at 9:30 a. m.

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Jane knew she was right. There was no doubt about it. And so she was for words which would stamp her as absolutely trustworthy. "It's the Gospel truth!" she exclaimed with emphasis. Unfortunately, many people are willing to parrot that exclamation through their lives without ever stopping to think what the Gospel truth is. The Gospel of which the Bible speaks is the good news of the love of God demonstrated by the birth, life, death and resurrection of His only-begotten Son. The Gospel, which is as true as God himself is true, is the simple yet tremendously important message that was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not putting their trespasses upon them.

Christ Himself put the Gospel into a nutshell when said, "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

When Christ died, He died for the sins of the world, suffered the penalty of every sin of every human of every race as humanity's atoning Substitute. That is the Gospel truth!

The eternal destiny of every man will be determined by his attitude toward this simple Gospel truth. "He that believeth shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." That is the Gospel which Christ commanded His Church to preach to all creatures to the end of time. And His Gospel is the truth.

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DID THE UNIVERSE HAPPEN BY CHANCE?

One of the fundamental laws of nature is that for every effect there must be an adequate cause. This principle is self-evident, just like an axiom in mathematics. The orderliness which exists in the material universe, from the smallest atom to the biggest star, is proof of the fact that this world did not happen by accident.

Nothing of great importance ever happened by chance. Intelligent causation is branded upon all the works of man. It is axiomatic that "every house is built by someone; but he that built all things is God." The way you carry, the suit you wear, the piano you play, and the automobile that you drive are all examples of intelligent causation. They did not drop down from the sky, nor the forms they now possess and begin functioning by chance. Neither did this universe in which we live.

There can be no design without a designer; there can be no creation without a creator; for every effect there must be a cause. As Thomas A. Edison once said: "The universe is such an engineering feat, there must be a God Engineer." The universe at which we look displays intelligence. And only a fool can say in his heart, "There is no God" (Psalms 14:1). Behind all we behold is an intelligent mind, even the mind of Jehovah God.

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